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WSDOT Construction Activity & Possible Delays/June 19-29, 2003

US 2/Fairchild Main Gate Turn Lane (MP 275)-Minor items remain.

SR 21/Republic to the Canada Border (MP 162-191)-Crews will be performing prep work for the upcoming chip-seal project on this highway in Ferry County. Motorists should expect single lane traffic directed by flaggers and/or pilot cars with possible delays.

SR 25/Kettle Falls to Bossburg (MP 81-102)-Paving work will be underway on this highway resurfacing and guardrail update project north of Kettle Falls in Stevens County. Motorists should expect delays of 5 to 10 minutes with flaggers and pilot cars directing traffic around the work. Work will be underway Monday through Saturday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

SR 26-Colfax/Palouse River Bridge (MP 133)-Work is underway on this bridge rail replacement project. A traffic barrier in the center of the bridge and temporary traffic signal are in place. Bridge traffic is reduced to one 12 foot lane and controlled by the traffic light. Motorists should use caution and can expect short delays as oncoming traffic crosses the bridge. (Wide loads will be advised of detour routes as part of their over legal permit process.) **SPEED LIMIT ALERT:** There is a reduction in the legal speed limit to 35 mph on SR 26 in the vicinity of this project. Motorists are required to slow down in this area. (Today, June 19, traffic will be switched to the south side of the bridge so work can commence on that railing.)

I-90/Salmon Road Interchange to Geiger Blvd. Interchange (MP 265-275)-Work is underway with shoulder and median items on the schedule. Motorists should expect possible lane restrictions with traffic reduced to one lane in each direction and possible slower traffic in the vicinity of active work with equipment and personnel adjacent to and on the roadway. Some intermittent rock blasting work will also be underway. Blasting requires that I-90 be closed in both directions for up to 10 minutes.

NEW!! Eastbound I-90/Maple to Altamont (MP 280-283)-On Wednesday, June 25th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. until around 3:00 p.m., WSDOT Maintenance crews will be working on eastbound I-90 between Maple and Altamont. The work will be in the left lane. Eastbound I-90 will be reduced to two through lanes during this work. Motorists may see slow traffic and some congestion.

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I-90/Sullivan Road to Idaho Border (MP 292-299)-Work is underway on this freeway resurfacing project. Work items this week include shoulder and median grading. There are no paving operations on the schedule. During the daytime hours on weekdays, motorists need to be alert for equipment and personnel adjacent to the travel lanes. In the evenings and overnight hours on weekdays, plus all hours on weekends, motorists need to be alert for lane closures and speed reductions. **SPEED LIMIT ALERT:** When lane reductions are in place, the legal speed will be dropped to 55 m.p.h. Motorists need to be extremely alert for speed limit changes. Speed limit signs will be in place to note the exact location of the speed limits during working hours.

US 195/Spangle to Excelsior Drive (MP 80-88)- Work is now underway on this surface rehabilitation project south of Spokane. The work is in the southbound lanes only. Pavement work is on the schedule. The southbound lanes will be reduced to one lane at various work sites where new concrete sections are being poured and curing. Motorists may experience some slow traffic near these work sites.

SR 290-Trent Avenue/Spokane River Bridge (MP 0.4-0.6)- Work continues on this bridge replacement project between downtown and Hamilton Street. Trent Ave. is closed to through traffic between Riverpoint Blvd. and Cincinnati Street. Detours are fully signed. Access to all businesses on Trent is available. This is a long-term closure.

US 395 /Colville-Hawthorne Avenue Intersection (MP 229)-Work continues on this intersection project at the south end of Colville. This is a City of Colville project with WSDOT participation. For detailed information call (509) 684-2244.

US 395/Colville (MP 230)-Contractor crews working with the City of Colville will be constructing additional an turning lane, driveway access, and lighting for the Wal-Mart near 8th Street in north Colville. Possible lane restrictions.

NEW!! US 395/Boys to Canada Border (MP 248-270)-Wednesday through Friday (6/25-27) crews will be performing prep work for the upcoming chip-seal project on this highway in Ferry County. Motorists should expect single lane traffic directed by flaggers and/or pilot cars with some delays.

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